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HIT Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2015

Attendees:

- *Chair - Lynette Dickson, Center for Rural Health
- *Vice Chair - Dan Kelly, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems
- *Todd Bortke, CHI St. Alexius Medical Center
- *Janis Cheney, AARP
- *Neil Frame, Metro Area Ambulance
- *Barb Groutt, ND Healthcare Review (QIO)
- *Jerry Jurena/Tim Blasl, ND Hospital Association
- *Courtney Koebele, ND Medical Association
- *Dave Molmen/Mark Waing, Altru Health Systems
- *Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Mgrs. Assoc.
- *Mike Ressler, Information Technology Department
- *Tory Brabandt, DHS
- Mike Mullen, Special Attorney General
- Tina Gagner, RN, ITD
- Robin Hirsch, ITD
- Sheldon Wolf, HIT Director – ITD

Not Present:

- *Troy Aswege, BCBSND
- *Janis Cheney, AARP
- *Lisa Clute/Lois Mackey, First District Health
- *Lisa Feldner, NDUS
- *Caryn Hewitt, Sanford Health
- *Senator Lee, ND Legislature
- *Jim Long, West River Health System
- *Darin Meschke, Dept. of Health
- *Shelly Peterson/ Pamela Thompson, Long Term Care Association
- *Representative Robin Weisz, ND Legislature
- *Tami Ternes, Governor's Office
- *Jenny Witham, Dept. of Human Services

**denotes appointed HIT Advisory Committee members or their designee*

1) Approval of Agenda

- a) No changes.

2) Consent Agenda

- a) Barb Grout moved approval of the March 11, 2015 Minutes, second by Courtney Koebele. Motion carried unanimously.

3) NDHIN

- a) We now have some continuity of care documents coming into the system and displaying properly from local public health units using CHAMP software. We will now start working with other facilities on bringing in CCD's.
- b) Imaging – Preliminary testing has been completed at Altru. UAT testing will start next week. We are working through issues at Trinity and we will start working with McKenzie County Healthcare.
- c) HealtheWay – Continue to work on this with Orion. It is loaded in the production environment but not available to users yet.
- d) Direct users can now send messages to the Veteran's Administration. We have also had discussions with Aberdeen Indian Health Services and they are working on setting up Direct messaging also. The Department of Defense is working with CORHIO to see if they can Direct exchange completed there. Once they do, this may be available nationwide.
- e) There are 118 interfaces that are up and running between providers and the NDHIN. It looks like there are at least 108 more that we need to build. If we include CCD's, there would be 38 more. Currently, there are 679,000 unique patient record in the NDHIN. We have 1,100 user id accounts set up and 12 million transactions ran through the system in the past week. There were over 300 logins in less than a month during March and accessed over 1,741 patient records Usage is definitely going up. Direct Secure Message has some volume metrics for version 1 not version 2. Thru the first part of March, we have 306 received and 233 sent messages.

4) Interoperability Cooperative Agreement

- a) We applied for the new interoperability cooperative agreement. It had to be in on April 7, 2015. If we are selected as a recipient, the agreement will be used for travel, contractual, interface and outreach. The initial ask was for \$2.2 million dollars of which \$1.7 million was federal and 567,000 was match. We should know if we were selected around June 12, 2015. Sheldon asked for HITAC to approve accepting the cooperative agreement if it is awarded to North Dakota. Dan Kelly made a motion to move Sheldon's request, Mark Waind second. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Legislative Update

- a) Sheldon provided an update on the status of bills as of April 2015. See the [legislative update](#) for more details.

6) Finance Workgroup

- a) The Finance Workgroup met March 31, 2015 at NDHA. The goal of the group is to come up with a financial model to recommend to the HITAC Committee for approval. We had a breakout on how we should move forward. Next meeting is on May 11 to finalize the model.

7) REACH

- a) No update at this time.

8) Medicaid

- a) Medicaid has completed the 2014 incentive payments for Hospitals and is accepting them for eligible professionals. So far, Medicaid has had 75 individual physicians attest for 2014.

9) Other Business

- a) Mike Ressler sent out an email on Monday, with a document requesting input for Health IT Director's evaluation. Please submit your input by Monday, April 20, 2015.

10) Adjourned at 2:08 pm